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**Louisiana Livestock Slaughter**

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during September totaled 800,000 pounds, down 11 percent from August and 27 percent below the previous year.

There were 800 head of **cattle** slaughtered during September, down 200 head from August and 300 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 876 pounds, down 26 pounds from the previous month but 52 pounds above August 2004. Total live weight, at 737,000 pounds, was 17 percent below the previous month and 21 percent below the previous year.

**Calves** slaughtered during September totaled 400 head, down 200 head from August and 300 head from the previous year. Live weight averaged 461 pounds, down 23 pounds from August and 14 pounds below September 2004. Total live weight, at 205,000 pounds, was down 25 percent from August and 42 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during September totaled 1,400 head, up 100 head from the previous month but 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 188 pounds, down 7 pounds from August and 9 pounds below the previous year. Total live weight was 268,000 pounds, up 5 percent from August but 17 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during September was 100 head, down 100 head from August but the same as the previous year. Live weight averaged 77 pounds, the same as the previous month but 7 pounds below the previous year.

**United States Livestock Slaughter**

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in September 2004.

September 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Beef production**, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 1 percent from September 2004. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 13.2 million pounds, 2 percent above September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,700 head, down 10 percent from September 2004. The average live weight was 43 pounds above last year, at 363 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.74 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.87 million head, 1 percent below September 2004. The average live weight was unchanged the previous year, at 265 pounds.

**Lamb and Mutton production**, at 15.6 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 231,300 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago.

**January to September 2005 commercial red meat production** was 33.9 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year; veal was down 7 percent; pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

**Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production**

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	Aug	September		Jan. - Sept.		September		January - September	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
----- Number, thousand head -----									
Cattle	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.01	9.4	2,737.1	2,777.6	24,749.8	24,368.1
Calves	0.6	0.7	0.4	5.6	4.3	67.3	60.7	637.5	561.5
Hogs	1.3	1.6	1.4	16.2	14.4	8,999.2	8,869.9	76,271.0	76,071.4
Sheep & Lambs	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.4	1.4	243.9	231.3	2,113.8	2,016.0
----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----									
Cattle	886	931	737	8,738	8,246	3,463,716.0	3,543,498.0	30,473,468.0	30,436,563.0
Calves	273	353	205	2,770	2,078	21,546.0	22,035.0	209,925.0	195,581.0
Hogs	255	323	268	3,348	2,821	2,387,426.0	2,349,204.0	20,274,413.0	20,381,026.0
Sheep & Lambs	14	12	7	132	133	32,370.0	31,136.0	287,606.0	277,798.0
----- Average live weight, pounds -----									
Cattle	902	824	876	865	877	1,265	1,276	1,231	1,249
Calves	484	475	461	495	483	320	363	329	348
Hogs	195	197	188	207	196	265	265	266	268
Sheep & Lambs	77	84	77	94	95	133	135	136	138
----- Million pounds -----									
Red Meat	0.9	1.1	0.8	9.8	8.6	3,906.3	3,932.8	33,794.9	33,895.8

## October Farm Prices Received Index Down

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 7 points from September. The Crop Index is down 11 points while the Livestock Index is unchanged. Producers received lower commodity prices for broilers, corn, eggs and soybeans. Higher prices were received for cattle, sweet corn, wheat and turkeys. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Decreased average marketings of dairy, sweet corn, grapes and wheat offset increased marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton and cottonseed.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 4 points from October 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, decreased 6 points from last month and 3 points from October 2004.

## Prices Paid Index Up

The October Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates is 143 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is up 1 point from September and 7 points from October 2004. Higher prices in October for feeder cattle, diesel fuel, LP gas, and feeder pigs offset lower prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, feed grains and gasoline.

## Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005 <sup>1</sup>	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005 <sup>1</sup>
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	5.80	5.98	5.85	5.56	5.77	5.44
Rice, per cwt	7.98	6.47	6.46	7.60	6.95	6.85
Upland Cotton, per pound	.532	.460	.507	.506	.443	.469 <sup>2</sup>
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	92.80	99.00	97.70
Beef Cattle, per cwt <sup>3</sup>	66.50	67.20	63.80	86.50	88.20	90.80
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	98.70	102.00	101.00	91.10	92.30	96.00
Cows, per cwt <sup>4</sup>	47.60	46.70	42.00	49.80	49.80	47.70
Calves, per cwt	116.00	121.00	119.00	126.00	133.00	132.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.390	.460	.430
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.494	.643	.513
Milk, All, per cwt <sup>5</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.60	15.30	15.40

<sup>1</sup> Mid-month.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month

<sup>3</sup> "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

<sup>4</sup> Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

<sup>5</sup> Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies

<sup>6</sup> n/a = Not Available.

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